

THE STORY OF THE GIRL BUTTERFLY AND THE WORTH-WHILE MAN

How Foolish Little Flutterers Defeat Their Own Object When They Pursue the Mirage of a "Good Time."

By ELLEN ADAIR

"I ONLY want to have a good time," I wished a little maid the other day, "and so I accept all the invitations that come my way and am thankful to get them."

The speech, somehow or other, had a paradoxical sound to it. For how could "all the invitations" one gets, conglomerated together, possibly mean "a good time"?

And it is this confusion of mind that interprets indiscriminate invitations as "a good time" which has brought into being the little social butterflies who flutter around for a few brief hours and then are forgotten.

The large class of damsels who glory in parading around with a brand-new escort, totally irrespective of who or what that escort may be, aren't really having such a wonderful time after all. In their foolish hearts they know that Tom is a dull sort of fellow who often bores them to extinction, that Dick's temper isn't all that it should be, and that Harry's little ways are more than irritating. But just for the sake of being seen with Tom, Dick and Harry, and thereby hoping to arouse the very problematical envy of their less-favored sisters, the little butterflies will flutter from restaurant to restaurant and from cafe to cafe, proud to display these conquering heroes.

"I would love to stay home tonight and watch that interesting story," confessed one of the more truthful members of the class. "But I do so hate to turn down a perfectly good invitation. Dick has asked me to go to a concert with him, and though I hate classical music, and don't care particularly for Dick, I like to be seen around 'having a good time.' And so I'm going."

This curious fear of "missing anything" is a fruitful cause of ultimate unhappiness. For these mistaken individuals neglect the better things of life, they fail to cultivate their minds, they have "no time" for the worth-while things and they somehow or other fail to attract the worth-while men.

MERION TO HAVE NEW SCHOOL NEXT FALL

Main Line Town Looks Forward to Establishment of Ideal Type.

A new school unique among educational institutions of the country will be opened at Merion on October 1. It will be unique because, in the words of its director, Miss Gertrude Hartman, it will be neither conservative nor radical but will combine in its curriculum the best of the old educational methods with the cream of the new.

Just looking at Merion and contemplating all the wonderful improvements that have been made in many ways felt the need of a model, open-air school for their children within easy distance of their homes, such as Bryn Mawr and other communities boast. Now they are to have it, too. The site has been definitely decided upon as yet, but in a little while this matter will be settled, building operations begun, and by fall Merion will have another feather in its well-plumed cap in the shape of an exemplary school for children.

DIRECTOR WELL EQUIPPED The big figure behind the Merion Country Day School—that is to be its official title—will be, of course, its director. Ever since her graduation at Bryn Mawr in 1910, Miss Hartman has been fitting herself for just such an enterprise.

In her determination to make of the school which she knew she was going to organize some day one founded on the best qualities of others, Miss Hartman has traveled all over the States and abroad, visiting institutions of learning. Furthermore, her experience as teacher in the Baldwin School at Bryn Mawr for two years, as assistant director of the Winsor School, Boston, for several years, and then later an additional three years spent as head of the English department at the Veltin School, New York city, have convinced her of the need of the sort of school such as she intends to establish.

Backed and encouraged by the unstinted approval of the Merion Civic Association, and, therefore, of the leading residents of the community, Miss Hartman is enthusiastic over her project.

WILL UTILIZE BEST METHODS "For the first year," she said, "we shall have an age limit of from 4 to 10 years. Gradually, it is to be hoped, we shall acquire pupils up to the college-going age.

"The kindergarten will be conducted according to modified Montessori methods. In fact, during the last two years I have studied exhaustively practically all of the so-called new ideas of pedagogy. Many of them, in my opinion, are radical, almost freakish. These stunts will be discarded in the Merion school, but the teaching by the direct method, that is, instruction by active expression, will be one of the big features of our school."

The Merion Country Day School will not be an altogether out-of-door institution. The classrooms are to be especially constructed with one wall, that facing south by east, of glass, that can be folded in when the weather is unusually inclement.

In addition to the elementary subjects necessary to the education of every child, many other studies, such as nature lore, rhythmic dancing, gymnastics, home civics and local geography, will be included in the curriculum.

Charlton Salad Arrange on French omelette which has been cleaned, drained and chilled, two cups of cold cooked beets, chopped or cut into fancy shapes. Slip the pieces of omelette through beet rings and arrange on crisp lettuce leaves garnished with French dressing, to which is added three tablespoons of chopped walnuts meats.

Fruit Cocktail Mix together sliced pineapple, boiled cherries (the juice), delicious radishes, sliced to taste and juice of three lemons. Put on the fire thoroughly blended.

Do You Know? That a one-piece white serge dress trimmed with dark blue braid is very smart?

That sable voile, combined with peasant blue voile, makes an interesting color scheme for a gown to be worn on afternoon occasions?

That a wide hat of blue crepe Georgette, edged with a narrow band of straw to match, and trimmed with clusters of deep ivory chrysanthemum-shaped grapes with matching leaves, would complete a costume Parisian in conception and very new?

stance of this very thing, "otherwise very charming girl has a mania for 'rumm'ing around' with a variety of men."

And he admitted this charming little girl immensely. "I think she is the very wife for me," he said to himself.

But somehow or other she didn't want to give up her numerous little outings with the vacuous youths who had hitherto proved the chief sources of her so-called "good times."

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"LOSTED" GIRL NOW SAFELY BACK AT HOME



Esther Borteck is the girl waving the flag.

LOST CHILD HOME AGAIN WITH HER HAPPY FAMILY

Little Esther Borteck Who, as Rosie Bernstein, Was About to Be Adopted, Claimed by Her Father, Who Thought She Was at Her Aunt's.

Little Esther Borteck, alias "Rosie Bernstein," the supposedly abandoned child who spent four days of last week at the Philadelphia Hospital, her plight calling forth the sympathy of hundreds of persons who read her story and saw her picture in the EVENING LEDGER, is in that seventh heaven of happiness which only a carefree little girl can reach.

This is because she is back in her home again. Surrounded by Benjamin, Israel, Ida and Bella, her brothers and sisters, the erstwhile "lost" one is gradually forgetting her terrifying experience, and the little brown spots in her gray eyes are dancing merrily again.

It all happened in this way: Just when a kindly couple who have no children of their own had made up their minds to adopt "Rosie" and just when Rosie herself had made up her mind to see her mother, or her papa again, the last-named individual, who thought all the time that his little daughter was up at her aunt's, on North 7th street, picked up the paper and saw a picture therein which looked strangely familiar to him.

Being a Russian and not very proficient in the English language Joseph Borteck, the father, was nonplused, to say the least. But photographs don't lie and so he got 11-year-old Benjamin to read for him the story of the little girl who was found wandering around in the vicinity of 2d and Arch streets.

"I knew it was Esther right away," he said over the pair of shoes he was working on down in his cobbler's shop at 5th South 15th street, "and I thanked God her mother was away. She works in a shirt-waist factory and is not home all day. You see, Benjamin had taken Esther up to her aunt's to spend three or four days, like she usually does. But the aunt was out, and so my boy just left her there. Esther got tired waiting and I suppose she tried to find her way home. That's how she got lost. We thought she was up there all the time and her aunt thought she was down here."

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FATTEN COHOCKSINK BABIES

Prizes Offered for Most Corpulent Infants by Last of August.

Cohocksink babies are growing fatter. They started 15 days ago, and they are going to keep it up until the last day of August—and then some—in order to see which one can become the most corpulent.

The whole thing started with Mother Munro, of Kensington, otherwise known as Mrs. Hugh Munro, who is always starting worthy things. She rounded up all the babies in the neighborhood, and their mothers, of course, at the school-house at 4th street and Montgomery avenue. When she had all the mothers listening and the babies as quiet as mice, she announced the two-month baby contest, and that prizes would be given the infants who were plumpiest by the last day of August. The only qualification is that the babies be less than two years old.

In order to give some of the thinnest babies a fair chance in the contest, Mrs. Munro is planning to take them, together with their mothers, to a bungalow in the pines at Blackwood, N. J., where they can breathe in the first healthy country air some of them have ever had. To do this, however, she has had to make a public appeal for funds, and the extent to which she can carry out her plans depends, of course, on the generosity exhibited.

Maxims for Housewives

Don't forget to close the refrigerator door each time you use the box; the ice will last much longer.

The alumina cooking utensils turn black, try boiling tomato parings in them and they will brighten.

It is best not to serve the same dish twice a week unless it be a vegetable, as every one likes a variety.

The home should be left in a roast; it will help to keep the juice and will add flavor and sweetness.

To clean finger marks on doors, rub with a piece of flannel dipped in kerosene oil. The marks will disappear like magic.

Afterward wipe with a clean cloth wrung out of hot water to take away the smell, as it does not destroy the paint. Paraffin oil is also excellent for cleaning varnished hall doors.

Bluey Talks Too Much

TOMMY TITTLE-MOUSE and his little mate were sitting at the door of their home one fine bright day when who should they see right in front of them but Bluey Blackbird. Not a calm, haughty Bluey Blackbird such as they were well accustomed to see flying or hopping about, but a nervous, excited Bluey who seemed afraid of something.

Now Tommy Tittle-mouse didn't know Bluey very well—and to tell the truth he didn't care to. He had seen him in the garden he had lived in the garden a week he had heard all about Bluey and his haughtiness and his selfishness and all that. So, being a wise and quiet, peace-loving little fellow, Tommy was more than satisfied to notice that Bluey snubbed him and would have nothing to do with him. "If he has nothing to say to me," wise little Tommy had said to himself, "then he can't pick a quarrel with me and I am safe from harm in that direction at least."

But today Bluey ran up and down, up and down in front of Tommy's home as though he must talk to some one, and so Tommy at last took pity on him and stuck his head out of the door and said, "May you always be as beautiful as you are now, Friend Bluey!"

"Well, it's about time you came out and spoke to me!" exclaimed Bluey rudely. "There are terrible goings-on in the garden today and you should be out to see what the matter is!"

"Oh, no!" replied Tommy Tittle-mouse shyly, "when there are terrible goings-on I always stay in my home so that I will NOT know what the matter is! You see, I am not as brave as you are, Friend Bluey!"

That flattery calmed Bluey a bit and he smoothed two of his handsome tail feathers before he deigned to reply. "But you should be out today to see the excitement."

"Excitement?" asked Tommy. "I didn't know about any excitement! Maybe you will be kind enough to tell me about it."

That was exactly what Bluey most wanted to do. Next to being in the midst of thrills, the most fun he knew of was to tell about these same thrills, to whoever would listen. "Would he tell?" Bluey hadn't had but he was racing up and down the garden trying to find somebody who

He told Tommy all about the booby. Ned had made for Frisky Cottontail, about how Frisky was afraid to live in it and how the bees had finally made up

ARMLETS TO ENCIRCLE

WELL MOLDED ARMS

There's Little Chance for The "Fad" Jewelry to "Stay Put" on Slender Folk.

With the introduction of the "armlet" a large-sized bracelet made to be worn on the upper arm, styles in jewelry which fickle fashion exerts an influence on, show signs of wabbling, and it is not at all improbable that a season of "fad" jewelry is imminent.

The armlet is held in place by the force of fortune and a plump arm. For there is no hope, so far as this latest craze is concerned, it simply will not stay up.

A logical result of the now popular sleeveless gown, it will also be worn on the bathing suit, although this is not a case considerably the problem of the armlet, since even the most snug-fitting armlet has a faculty of slipping off when surf-bathing is indulged in.

"The armlet," a leading jeweler said today, commenting on the possibility of fads, "will doubtless be used for a wear rather than for the surf. For a long time women have been looking around for something new in the jewelry line, and the armlet was suggested it was discarded as being too out for general adoption, and since women had to have something different the armlet was decided upon."

Green and white gold are other metals which bid fair to be seized upon avidly by those who continually look for something new. White gold resembles platinum and is less expensive. It has a cold purity which is the very antithesis of the new green gold.

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